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1. On 28 March 1953, 1 troop train of 20 flatcars with trucks and 6 flatcars with 3 artillery pieces each was sidetracked at the Cottbus railroad station. 25X1
On 28 March, 1 troop train loaded with pontoons was sidetracked at the Koenigswusterhausen railroad station.²
2. From 11 a.m. on 2 p.m. on 26 February, 2 JS-3 tanks 2 JS-2 tanks 25X1
6 JSU-152 SP guns 10 trucks 2 jeeps, 2 field kitchens and large ammunition boxes filling two boxcars, were loaded by about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia at the Leisnig railroad station. The materiel came from the Von-der-Busche Kaserne and was dispatched toward Doebeln.³ At 6 a.m. on 3 March, about 60 soldiers with carbines, submachine guns and full pack marched from the barracks installations to the railroad station where they boarded passenger coaches prepared for them. At about 6 a.m., another 45 soldiers boarded passenger coaches at the Leisnig railroad station. 25X1
3. On 26 February, about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 15 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 3 JS-3 tanks 1 JS-1 tank 2 JSU-guns and 4 trucks were loaded at the Leisnig railroad station for shipment toward Dresden. 25X1
4. a large number of Soviet units in the area of Thuringia indicated that they would open PX shops at the beginning of April. Contrary to 1952, when the troops arrived at the end of March, the majority of the units, this year, will arrive at the beginning of April. As the Soviet unit in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne, Rudolstadt, had not reported the opening of PX shops as in the preceding year, the unit will first move to the Wustrow firing range and from there to Ohrdruf.⁴ 25X1
5. troop trains which pass the railroad station toward Wittenberg every night seriously hamper the regular rail traffic.⁵ At about 6 p.m. on 24 March, 1 ammunition train of 30 to 35 freight cars was about to drive into Jueterbog railroad station. the cars were bound for Jueterbog. 25X1

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1. Comment. [redacted] a unit of the 32d AAA Div (US). The train is believed to have been identical with the shipment of light AAA which [redacted] was loaded in Frankfurt/Oder on 26 March. The unit presumably went to Jueterbog for firing practice. 25X1
2. Comment. The shipment was possibly connected with engineer shipments which went to Wittenberg and Dessau respectively at the same time. [redacted] 25X1
3. Comment. [redacted] the train is an additional shipment of the 64th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which is believed to have gone to Koenigsbrueck. [redacted] SP gun [redacted] together with other armored vehicles, was again loaded in Leisnig on 25 March. [redacted] 25X1
4. Comment. In 1952, the majority of the troops arrived at Ohrdruf not before mid-April. The same observations are made this year when, so far, only firing details have arrived at or were dispatched from, Ohrdruf. [redacted] 25X1
 The information concerning Rudolstadt is given credence. The 497th AAA Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps was transferred to Wustrow in the second half of March 1952 and from there moved to Ohrdruf in May 1952. A shipment of the regiment went from Rudolstadt toward a northerly direction, probably to Wustrow, on 4 March 1953. [redacted] 25X1
5. Comment. The information probably refers to small tank units of the 6th Gds Tank Div which returned to their Wittenberg post upon completion of firing practices at Werder-Markendorf.

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